

Program Development Approval Overview

When a new program is submitted for review or an update action, the Office of Academic Affairs uses a five-level workflow to handle all necessary approvals. This process starts at the campus level followed by local contingent groups, university, Indiana Commission for Higher Education, and the Higher Learning Commission level approvals.

Beginning at the campus level, a tiered approval process starts with the vice-chancellor of academic affairs program pre-approval. This is then followed by the school/college approval which includes the respective department and chair, dean, library liaison, department curriculum committee, and school/college approvals. The chain continues with approvals through the remonstrance process, IPFW Curriculum Review or Graduate Subcommittee, faculty senate, vice-chancellor of academic affairs, and the chancellor.

Next, the contingent level may require approvals by the Office of International Studies, Office of Continuing Studies for on-line programs, or the University Graduate School.

Continuing, programs require the Purdue Board of Trustees and Purdue Provost/President approvals.

The fourth level includes approvals required by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Lastly, some program actions require approval by the Higher Learning Commission.

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